

Religious 'Giving' In '66 Hit \$6.5 Billion

NEW YORK (RNS) — Contributions for religious purposes accounted for 48 per cent of the \$13.57 billion total philanthropic giving in this country for 1966, it was announced by the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel here.

Leading all other categories, as it has consistently in past years, religious causes received \$6.5 billion last year, an increase of \$2.3 billion since 1960.

The financial statistics were reported in Giving USA, the association's yearbook on philanthropy, and were based on data submitted by

government, religious, health, welfare, youth, civic and other groups.

Along with their financial contributions, Americans continued to give of their time as volunteers in a wide variety of public service. The yearbook reported that last year 54 million volunteers served charitable and other non-profit organizations, including 2 million in hospitals or clinics and 250,000 in anti-poverty programs.

The \$13.57 billion total represented a gain of \$1.6 billion over 1965. Besides the 48 per cent given to religion, the other categories were:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL workers from every section of the state were present for the Bible Teaching Conference April 10-12 at Broadmoor Church in Jackson. Several present are seen in front of piano. Seated are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stalmeier, Memphis, music leaders. Standing, from left: Dr. Jaroy Weber, Mobile, speaker; Henry Love, Shreveport, conference leader, and Billy Hudgens, Meridian.



DR. DAVID GRANT, host pastor, chats with several leaders prior to opening of conference Monday evening. From left: Bryant Cummings, secretary of the Sunday School Department, conference sponsor; Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Ft. Worth, conference leader; Dr. Clyde Francisco, Louisville, Ky., speaker; Dr. E. C. Williams, Jackson, former Sunday School secretary, and Dr. Grant. The annual conference began Monday evening and adjourned at noon on Wednesday. Conference leaders included outstanding Sunday school workers from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Mission Board Cancels South Africa Crusade

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists canceled participation in a South African Revival Crusade because the government of South Africa refused to allow an integrated party of evangelists to enter the country.

"Until recently we were to bring along Negro evangelists but this was ruled out by the South African government because there could be no mixed

group of welcome at the airport," C. E. Autrey, director of the Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, said.

"This would be embarrassing both to the white and Negro pastors," he said.

South Africa is governed by an apartheid policy, a strict separation of blacks and whites in every phase of society.

"There were other stipulations that we feel we could not comply with and remain true to our Southern Baptist convictions in the preaching of the whole gospel of Jesus Christ," Autrey said.

He was referring to a South African restriction that evangelists recruited for the crusade had to agree not to speak on the race issue.

The Baptist Union of South Africa originally requested the help of the Home Mission Board's evangelism division for the crusade next September, requesting that about 100 preachers be recruited.

About 20 of that number were Negro National Baptist preachers until the government ruled that an integrated group could not enter the country — the Negroes would have to enter separately.

With this added stipulation, the Home Mission Board, in its April session voted unani-

Baptist participation in the crusade

The crusade had been under fire since first news of the restrictions on speaking on race were announced in mid-March. News at that time almostly to cancel Southern

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TOBACCO HEAD'S DAUGHTER GIVES SCHOOL \$1 MILLION

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP) — A \$1 million gift, which will be used as library endowment, has been made to Wake Forest College by Mrs. Nancy Reynolds Verney, of Greenwich, Conn.

Mrs. Verney is a daughter of the late R. J. Reynolds, founder of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and a sister of the late Z. Smith Reynolds for whom the Wake Forest library is named.

Wake Forest College President Harold Tribble said that income from the gift will be used initially to speed three major areas of change in the library's operation.

The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation gave the college \$2½ million for the library endowment in 1965.



PASTORS and other church leaders from Copiah County were present for the World Missions Rally held at First Church in Hazlehurst April 11. Several present were, from left: Rev. N. F. Greer, associate in Stewardship Department; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, principal speaker; Rev. John Alexander, secretary of Stewardship Department, sponsor of meeting; Rev. Bobby Shands, pastor of Wesson Church and Rev. Rowe Holcomb, host pastor.

CHALLENGES PROPOSALS ON "CHURCH RENEWAL" FOR SBC

By Selsus E. Tull
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

The long article in the Baptist Record of April 6th, 1967 by Dr. L. B. Johnson entitled "Church Renewal" represents a serious tendency in the present-day thinking of some Baptists who fear that what he calls "Baptist Isolationism" is to mean the death of the Baptists in the course of future events.

I quote a few statements in Dr. Johnson's article, "It is no longer possible for us to survive as a major religious force in this country without serious re-evaluation and re-direction. Much of the present Southern Baptist Convention

denominational organization is obsolete to face squarely the crucial issues of the future. It is highly unlikely that a position of denominational isolationism can be regarded viable by the 1970's. The days of isolationism are about done. Insistence upon the literal meaning of all the Bible is no longer tenable among people who are educated."

Along with such statements as these, Dr. Johnson seems to indicate that the Baptist had better get in with the present-day "ecumenical movement" if they are to survive!

I am glad to assert my profound opposition to the gen-

eral position of Dr. Johnson as represented in his article. My conviction is that what he calls "Baptist Isolationism" in fact becomes the supreme Baptist opportunity as we face the future. The present-day ecumenical movement whose purpose is to bring together all present-day religious denominations into unity in one body is going to result in a re-definition of true Bible teaching with respect to the plan of salvation and to true New Testament Church organization. When that happens the historic Baptist position of "isolationism" will become the

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HMB Names Students

ATLANTA (BP)—In June, a team of 13 student summer missionaries will attack critical target areas in St. Louis, attempting to infiltrate youth gangs, plot a strategy for an inner-city housing project, and begin new work in an un-church area.

The students are part of a record 698 student summer mission volunteers assigned by the Home Mission Board to reinforce the work of career missionaries across the nation.

Baptist student unions are by the Home Mission Board to reinforce the work of career missionaries across the nation.

Baptist student unions are sponsoring 107 of the record figure, Beverly Hammack, director of the board's summer missions ministry, said.

More than 9,000 students have been summer missionaries during the 23 years of the program.

Several in the St. Louis task force will be housed in either a high-rise apartment

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Missing Worker Of BSSB Suffers Case Of Amnesia

NASHVILLE (BP)—An employee of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, missing from work and home for nine days, was located April 8 in Kansas City, Mo.

Graves O. Collins, 32, audiovisual librarian in the board's

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Tischer Named President State Student Convention



NEW OFFICERS of the State Baptist Student Convention, elected at the Training Conference at Gulfshore Inn, from left, seated: Doug Kellum, Mississippi College, vice-president; Robert Tischer, MSU, president; Charles Merchant, ECJC, secretary; T. Gary Stewart, Millsaps, exec. committee. Standing: Nancy Holland, MSCW, exec. com.; Jerry Lynn Murfl, USM, exec. com.; Dr. Virgil Benson, University of Mississippi, faculty advisor; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, state student director, ex-officio. (Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, pastor advisor, is not shown.)



DR. GRAY ALLISON, associate in Division of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, discusses New Testament evangelism with two students just following his message on that subject. They are Susan Dobbs, Blue Mountain, and Franklin Eubanks, Ole Miss, convention president. More than 500 students were present for the annual conference.

Robert Tischer, of Starkville, a student at Mississippi State University, was elected president of the State Baptist Student Convention at the annual Student Leadership Training Conference held this week-end at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

He succeeds Franklin Eubanks, a student at the University of Mississippi.

Other officers include: Doug Kellum, Mississippi College, vice-president; Charles Merchant, East Central Junior College, secretary and the following executive committee members: T. Gary Stewart, Millsaps; Nancy Holland, USM; Jerry Lynn Murfl, University of Southern Mississippi; Dr. Virgil Benson, University of Mississippi, faculty advisor; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, pastor advisor and John W. Tadlock, Copiah - Lincoln

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Pascagoula Couple Is Appointed For Italy

RICHMOND, Va.—Mr. and Mrs. James D. Watts, natives of Mississippi, were appointed missionaries to Italy on April 11 during a three-day meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Watts expects to assist Italian Baptists with church music. He is now minister of music for Buras - Triumph Baptist Church, Buras, La. He and Mrs. Watts live in New Orleans, La., where he is a student in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and she is a schoolteacher.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Watts grew up in Pascagoula, though he was born in Mississippi, and she, the former Charlotte Lowe, was born in Carthage, Miss. They became well acquainted as teenagers in Pascagoula's Calvary Baptist Church, where she played the piano and he often directed the music.

Mr. Watts attended Perkinson (Miss.) Junior College and graduated from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of music degree and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the master of sacred music degree.

Before entering New Orleans Seminary last fall for additional study in theology, he was minister of music for College Place Baptist Church, Monroe, La., more than two years. Previously he worked with churches in Natchez, Laurel, and Crystal Springs, Miss., Tallulah, La., and Louisville. He served in the U. S. Army for two years, spending part of that time as a chaplain's assistant in West Berlin.

Mrs. Watts attended Mississippi Southern College (now the University of Southern Mississippi), Hattiesburg, and received bachelor of arts degrees from both Mississippi College and Northeast Louisiana State College, Monroe. She taught in Henryville, Ind., for one year while her husband was a student in Louisville.

Mr. Watts describes his decision for foreign missions as a "culmination of all life experiences," citing the influences of his home, various

churches, missionary organizations, and Baptist schools. "Finally, the call of God lifted us to the place where Charlotte and I have no desire except to spend our lives in world missions," he told the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Watts is more specific: "I believe my sense of missionary calling began in those days in Girls' Auxiliary when I was required to memorize Jesus' Great Commission to his disciples. Those

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BMC Sets Special Day May 6

Saturday, May 6 will be a red letter day at Blue Mountain College, to be featured by the naming of the administration building and groundbreaking for a new dormitory.

The present administration building will be named in appropriate exercises, for the late Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, according to E. Harold Fisher, college president.

Mrs. Price Paschal, of Brandon, president of the National Alumnae Association of the college, also announced plans for a day of activities especially for alumnae and friends of the school expected from every section of the nation.

Activities will include programs of memory, appreciation, special music, progress, tradition, six special class reunions and an all day art exhibition.

The Lawrence T. Lowrey Memorial Program will begin at 10 a. m. in the auditorium. It will include special music by the 43-voice chorus of the college, directed by Dr. Brooks Haynes and accompanied by G. Edward Ludlow.

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SERIES T. U. STATE FINALS PLANNED

The annual series of State Finals in the Baptist Training Union Tournaments and Drills will be held May 4-10, it has been announced by Kermit S. King, Training Union director.

Participating will be those in four age groups, Juniors, Intermediates, young people and adults and all those who are declared winners in the current associational tournaments and drills will be eligible to take part.

In the Junior memory work drill each participant must know forty verses of scripture included in the drill leaflets.

In the Intermediate sword drill the participants must know more than 50 verses from the scriptures.

Participants in the young people's speaker's tournament will write and deliver a five-minute speech from a selected list of subjects.

In the adult section each person will have the alternative of telling a mission story, giving a historical monologue or presenting a visualized message.

The schedule of meetings follows: May 4, First Church, Oxford; 5, First, Columbus; 6, Calvary, Jackson; 8, First, Greenville; 9, First, Hattiesburg; and 10, Parkway, Natchez.

At all the meetings except Jackson the Junior and Intermediate drills will be at 4:30 p. m. with the young people and adult events at 7:00 p. m. At the Jackson meeting all events will be from 2:00-4:00 p. m.

On May 12 a state selection tournaments will be held at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson for the State Final winners in speaker's tournament and sword drill.

The two first place winners there in each case will represent the state at the convention - wide events to be held this summer at the Southern Baptist assemblies at Ridgecrest, N. C. and Glorieta, N. M.

Norman Rodgers, associate in the Training Union Department, will direct the series of meetings.

Challenge "Church Renewal" Proposal

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pattern. Thousands of truly converted Christians in other denominations will flock into Baptist Churches for a place of Bible refuge to preserve their convictions.

The historic Baptist position of "separateness" or "isolationism" — if you please — is today proving its value and power in the world. The Baptists are growing so fast that they are today the largest Christian denomination in America! The Southern Baptist Convention in recent years has spread all over the United States to where we have begun to discuss changing the name by leaving off the word "Southern" and adopting a name to match the national growth of our Churches! Where then, and from hence, arises any danger to "survival" for the Baptists as we face the future?

The only "renewal" the Baptists need is a renewal of their enthusiasm for our doctrines, and an aggressiveness in evangelism to exalt the Great Head Of The Church

and His simple plan of salvation in the midst of all conditions which come upon the earth. We are now planning a Revival Crusade for all the Americas for 1969. The world's greatest Evangelist today is Billy Graham, and in the providence of God, he is a Baptist!

Dr. Johnson also discusses Christian education in relation to the survival of our Christian colleges. He is in favor of accepting Government money by our Baptist colleges. All this plea for Federal money for Baptist Schools is based on the idea of putting our Christian schools in competition with tax-supported universities. The whole purpose of the modern education is to abolish Christian education.

Our Baptist colleges have produced great Baptist leadership in the past. They will continue to do so for the future if we keep them under Baptist ownership and Baptist control. Christian education is different, and the difference is what makes them Christian.



ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS OFFICERS—NEW YORK—Dr. W. C. Fields, left, editor of the Baptist Program and public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected president of the Associated Church Press at its annual meeting in New York. Other officers are, from second left: Dr. Kenneth Wilson, executive editor of the non-denominational Christian Herald, first vice-president; Ben R. Hartley, editor of the Presbyterian Survey, second vice-president; Kenneth I. Morse, editor of the Messenger (Church of the Brethren), re-elected treasurer; and the Rev. Alfred P. Klausner, a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod clergyman and long-time editor, who remains as the ACP's first full-time executive secretary. The ACP has 192 member publications, including two which are Catholic.—RNS Photo.

Board Cancels Crusade

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so revealed South African Baptists had asked that no smokers, no "liberals" (theologically) and no members of a certain service club be recruited.

The Capital Baptist, official publication of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, came out editorially deploring the stipulations and raising the question of what effect such agreements would have on foreign mission fields as well as in the U.S.

Eual F. Lawson, associate director of the evangelism division at the Home Mission Board, who was to recruit the preachers, said at the time of the first stipulation on speaking about race:

"We do not feel that we should cut ourselves off from fellowship and contact with other Baptists because of restrictions imposed by some government. We're going over there for one purpose — to preach the good news so people can be saved."

Lawson said, however, that we would not agree to the later restriction on separating the evangelists.

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptist evangelism director C. E. Autrey said not only the race issue but a theological concept was involved in the decision to cancel participation in the South Africa Revival Crusade.

"The concept is simply this: that it is not enough to preach Jesus as Saviour, we must preach Him as Lord and Saviour," Autrey said.

"To bring them (men) to Christ as Saviour can be done without mentioning the race issue, but the converts cannot be taught to live as Christians without teaching them their relations to all people," he said.

"We must lead all converts, therefore, to recognize the lordship of Jesus."

Autrey said that dignity and freedom of the individual con-

stitute part of the purpose of the whole gospel.

"It is my opinion that if there had existed a Home Mission Board in the Middle East soon after the ascension of the Lord Jesus, and if all the implications of the gospel had been thoroughly pursued, Christianity would not have died in Palestine and in the Middle East," he said.

The issue of human dignity and freedom existed in Palestine and in the Middle East and still does, as it does all over the world, he said.

"If Christianity had faced this issue and taught its converts to live like Christians and respect the dignity of all men, it might not have died there," the evangelism leader said.

"It is a sobering thought to realize that Christianity may die in North America for the same reason."

Autrey again emphasized that the church must teach redeemed men to live as Christians should live.

"I refuse to substitute social actions for the gospel of redemption, but neither would I stop short of teaching new converts their obligations and relations as Christians," he said.

"We must practice our gospel as well as preach it," he said. "Thus, it is not either-or, but it is both-and."

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Junior College, student director.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, state Baptist student director, is ex-officio.

Dr. Wm. G. Tanner of Gulfport told the conference that "the church offers a way of life as well as the most profound view of God known to man."

Dr. Tanner, pastor of Gulfport's First Baptist Church, continuing, declared: "To some God may not be real. Nothing one learns in algebra or physics is going to make him certain that God exists or doesn't."

"The only way one can start toward finding out for himself is to put himself in a situation where he will have a good chance of sensing the reality of God."

"This is where the church comes into the picture."

"Call the church a laboratory—a laboratory where you can explore and try to know yourself more deeply, and perhaps come to know God in the process."

"For many, church no longer represents a religious obligation. They believe in the church, expect it to function to be there like the same old apple stand on the corner when a crisis occurs in the family life."

"The church has come to us straight from the hands and heart of the Son of God, her builder and her Lord."

"The church is a shared fellowship. You see, God is as interested in the Australian bushman as much as the banker in Jackson."

"Whatever you invest in your church it has eternity written upon the label. The message of the church tells about a fantastic rescue operation by God. He sent His Son into the world to share the human condition even to death and to build a bridge to man and Himself."

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The retreat began Friday evening and adjourned Sunday morning following a message by Rev. Bill Nimmons, associate pastor of First Baptist Church in Starkville.

More than 500 Baptist students from 30 campuses in the state were present.

Other speakers included Larry Allison, associate in Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Miss Attis Mae Popwell, missionary nurse at Sellers Baptist Home, New Orleans, and Dr. Gray Allison, associate in Division of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Missing Worker - -

(Continued from Page 1) church library department, was described by hospital officials there as suffering from "some state of amnesia."

On his return to Nashville, Collins entered a local hospital. No cause for Collins' amnesia has been determined. After Collins was reported missing on April 1, friends and local police began a search for him. Three days later, his car was found in downtown Memphis.

On April 8, Collins walked up to the information desk at General Hospital in Kansas City, with a clipping from the Memphis Commercial Appeal and asked: "Am I this man?"

Collins said he could remember nothing prior to the time he read the newspaper article. He did not know how he got to Kansas City, nor how long he had been there. Neither did he know who he was.

A hospital spokesman said that Collins was in excellent physical condition.

After Nashville authorities were notified by the hospital, a fellow Sunday School Board Worker went to Kansas City to identify Collins and accompany him to Nashville.

Mr. Collins is a graduate of Mississippi College and was a member of the church near Memphis, Tenn.

The Nashville hospital reports that he is responding well to treatment.

AN EDITOR ASKS—

Why The Church?

By L. H. Moore, Editor
Ohio Baptist Messenger

I've decided not to throw in the towel for my church. I've listened as critics have lambasted, downgraded and pressured "the church" as irrelevant, shallow, powerless and complacent. Of course, I guess when they talk about "the church," they're talking about all local congregations in the aggregate—a sort of generic thing.

But, I don't belong to the aggregate church. I belong to a local congregation—not very large, but completely autonomous and quite independent from any ecclesiastical group with whom it sustains a voluntary and cooperative affiliation.

My church isn't very old and its traditions not many—even its accomplishments are not very numerous. But I don't think my church has failed. I don't think it is irrelevant. I really think it is doing pretty well, thank you, in the pattern of the New Testament church. This does not mean that we couldn't do better—but my church is far from a failure.

I've been reading a lot of literature recently—about renewal—ecumenical councils—the church visited—and most of what I've read seems to think a church ought to be a sort of heavenly "corrections" officer in a disadvantaged area. Maybe a better description would be a "degreed" social worker in slum city. Such a church must march, demonstrate, negotiate, cook, cabin and control the politicians, the criminals, the alcoholics, and ups and outs and the down and outs and make earth into Eden in a decade or it simply isn't relevant.

My little church doesn't measure up too well to that standard. Our record in demonstrations, in great struggles with the powered sections of the society that controls the liquor, the vice, the money and the vote is not very impressive. What fights we have been in we've usually come out with bloody noses and torn clothes.

But along with the reading of the modern dialogue on the church — isn't that word dialogue a sophisticated one? — almost as snooty as confrontation and encounter — I read again the Book of Acts.

I wondered what this church did in a world that was pretty much like the world of today — only smaller.

As I read it seemed to me that this New Testament church put pretty much all its emphasis on three things.

The primary emphasis seemed to be on preaching the gospel, proclaiming Christ as the crucified, risen, ascended and fully accredited saviour of individual men and women. It seemed like he didn't save people en masse but just one by one. The church placed this preaching emphasis right in the center of its program.

The next emphasis was on the fellowship of the believers. The church existed as a tower of strength, a haven of refuge, a cove of comfort for the members. They bore each other's burden, prayed for each other, loved one another, visited each other, cared for one's another's needs. No one was ever to be barred from such fellowship for reasons of culture, race, station. The only condition for entrance into this fellowship was a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and baptism.

The third emphasis on this early church was an outgrowth of these first two—preaching and fellowship. This Christian community began to be the light and the salt of the world. This unconscious outgrowth was an uplifting, ennobling influence upon the decadent society in which this church existed. To say that this early church was always successful in uplifting its society would be to distort the record—but they worked at it—without any demonstrations or crusades—they just lived their faith, witnessed, preached, loved each other—and they did a right fair job in their day.

I suspect it might help our perspective if we could see the church not as a correction officer, a rehabilitation expert, not a member of a heavenly "peace corps" but as a fellowship of believers preaching the gospel, upholding each other as they seek to lift up the world by bringing men to Christ.

As I said, I'm not going to throw in the towel for my church. We're not big. We're not impressive, but I judge my church is doing a pretty good job by New Testament standards.

In these frontier areas like Ohio where for years the emphasis by "the church" has been on a social gospel, ecumenicity and social action, Southern Baptists are finding an acceptance on the basis that their churches are gospel preaching, fellowshiping, lightgiving colonies.

My church is not very big, but I think it's doing right well. It could do better and I'm going to pray to that end and hope to be sincere enough to work to that end. The criticism is not going to bother me too much. I figure if we stay close to the New Testament pattern we'll not go too far wrong.

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or in another housing complex to experiment in securing information and enlisting volunteers to work in such areas.

Pairs of students will work as evangelism teams in the Oregon - Washington area and the rural areas of Tennessee, working with youth and youth leadership in churches and conducting youth revivals.

Student missionaries also will be returning this year to such hot spots as the Watts area of Los Angeles, the Hough district area of Cleveland, a crowded Brooklyn community in New York City, and a predominantly Czechoslovakian neighborhood in Chicago.

Assignments range from construction work on pioneer churches and recreation work to preaching, counseling, surveying and work in Baptist centers.

Of the 400 volunteers sponsored by the home board, 307 are single women, 182 single men. Twenty-five couples were assigned.

Included in the number are 47 students from Mississippi.

Pastors' Conference

May 29-30, 1967

Convention Hall Miami Beach, Florida

THEME: "MANDATE TO MINISTER"

Monday Morning, May 29

9:30 Music

9:40 Invocation

9:45 President's Message—C. A. Roberts, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

9:55 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the Many Worlds About Us"—John Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky

10:15 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of His Church"—W. Fred Swank, Sagamore Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

10:45 Offering

10:55 Music

11:00 "God Isn't Dead"—Gert Behanna, author and lecturer, Kerville, Texas

Monday Afternoon, May 29

1:30 Song Service

1:40 Prayer

1:45 Election of Officers

2:15 Music

2:20 "Multiplication Vs. Addition"—C. E. Garrison, pastor, First Baptist Church, Altus, Oklahoma

2:40 Offering

2:55 Music

2:55 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of the Working Man"—Benny Bray, postal supervisor, Dallas, Texas

3:25 Testimony and Song—Miss Jackie Fain

3:35 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of the Student"—Charles Wellborn, chaplain, Florida State University, Tallahassee

4:05 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of the Home"—Jess Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida

Monday Night, May 29

7:00 Music

7:10 "The Strategy of Penetration"—Buckner Fanning, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas

Prayer

Special Music

7:30 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Religion"—Howard Butt, grocery chain executive, Corpus Christi, Texas

8:15 Offering

8:25 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Entertainment"—Anita Bryant, actress and singer, Miami, Florida

9:00 Athletic Award to Golfer Gary Player

9:30 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Athletics"—James Jeffrey, executive director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kansas City, Missouri

Tuesday Evening, May 30

9:00 Song Service

Prayer

"It's All for Evangelism"—Ed Crow, pastor, First Baptist Church, Brownsville, Texas

9:30 "Christianity and World Issues"—George Schweitzer, professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

10:10 Offering

10:15 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Religious Authority"—William Hendricks, professor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

10:35 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Government"—Mallory Horne, state senator, Tallahassee, Florida

11:00 Music

11:05 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Human Relations"—Samuel Procter, Institute for Services to Education, Washington, D. C.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 30

1:10 "The Training of the Witness"—Philip Harris, Training Union Secretary, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

1:30 "Crusade of the Americas"—Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky

1:55 "The Minister Addresses Himself . . . To the World of Foreign Missions"—Paul Bellington, Missionary to Brazil

2:25 Offering

Special Music

2:35 "A Heart to Care and a Spirit to Try"—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

Tuesday Afternoon, May 30

4:30 Dinner—Dinner for 1000 (May 1 deadline for reservations)

Panelists: George Schweitzer, professor, University of Knoxville

Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission SBC, Nashville, Tennessee

Kenneth Chafin, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

Clergymen May Be Required To Join Social Security

WASHINGTON (BP)—Ministers should be treated no differently from other people under the Social Security law on the basis of conscience or religious liberty, according to a staff report by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The occasion of the Baptist Joint Committee's report is a bill in Congress introduced by Rep. George M. Rhodes (D., Pa.). Hearings have been completed on the bill by the House Ways and Means Committee.

At present ministers are classified as "self-employed" under the Social Security law. As such their participation in Social Security is now voluntary.

If passed, the Rhodes bill would make Social Security coverage for all ministers as self-employed persons automatic unless they individually applied for exemption.

According to the new bill, ministerial exemption from Social Security would be acceptable only if the minister objects on grounds of conscience.

"Since the proposal leaves the minister in the self-employed status, the change suggested by the Rhodes bill does not directly affect churches or church agencies," according to the Baptist Joint Committee staff report.

The report says there is no

record of an erosion of religious freedom of persons or churches or church agencies in the administration of the Social Security program to date. Hence, it continues, "the Social Security program as it now operates should not be viewed as a threat to proper church-state separation."

Although the report recognizes that there may be reasons other than religion in objection to the Social Security program, it states that "the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has nothing to add to the purely political and economic controversies raised by the program."

The Baptist Joint Committee staff expressed the view that the Rhodes bill should not be opposed "for any reasons related to religious liberty or church-state relations when it is compared to the present program."

On the other hand, the report says, "We suggest that denominational leaders who have special concern with the retirement needs of ministers and the general conditions of employment of the clergy should assess the economic advantages and disadvantages of the proposed change."

Looking at the record thus far the report points out that about 75 per cent of all ministers have chosen to be un-

der Social Security. Ninety-five per cent of older ministers are covered. Sixty per cent of younger ministers are covered.

"As a result of this difference," the report continued, "the percentage covered will drop over the long run because for filing the waiver of exemption has passed."

The staff report points out that in the early days of Social Security the denominations were hesitant about including church employees because of a fear of improper church-state involvement. However, with 30 years of experience with Social Security "we think the day of hesitancy is past," it says.

The report adds that the denominations can now "re-evaluate their past stands and move to a more positive posture respecting Social Security approaches to the reconsideration of the clergy, (3) separation of church and state, and (4) the rights of the person."

In conclusion the report says, "We think that the right of the individual should be primary in discussions of this program. Of course, the institutional relationships it affects should be carefully regarded, but these are of secondary concern."

"Churches and their agencies may properly be expected to make some adjustments to honor the rights at issue. This is, in fact, about where both Baptists and the nation have arrived in practice. We think what has been achieved in practice can be defended confidently as a value for the person and the society."

'Educator' Cover Features Carey

For the third time in 18 months William Carey College has been featured on the cover of the Southern Baptist Educator magazine.

In the recent March 1967 issue, two William Carey College students, Stanley Howell, president of the Baptist Student Union, and Glenda Singley, editor of the school newspaper, were photographed beside a large world globe. The theme of the school newspaper, were photographed beside a large world globe. The theme of the picture was "The Better World Through Chris-



Dr. Claude Rhea

Rhea Is Elected FMB Consultant

Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., vice-president for administrative affairs for Houston (Tex.) Baptist College, was elected music consultant for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in its full spring meeting, April 10-12. He will begin his new work June 1.

"Dr. Rhea is known throughout all Southern Baptist life as one of the most gifted and dedicated men in the field of church music," said Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Board. "He will bring great reinforcement in the planning of evangelistic efforts overseas." Dr. Cauthen said the election of a music consultant is an indication of the maturation of Baptist churches and conventions overseas.

Dr. Rhea has become familiar to Southern Baptists as soloist for 10 annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention, soloist and music leader for five Woman's Missionary Union conventions, and musician for countless other gatherings. He has recorded five albums, composed *The Creation* (Broadman Music, 1961), contributed articles to denominational publications, and authored two books, *A Child's Life in Song* (Broadman Press, 1964) and *Claude Rhea's Favorite Gospel Songs* (Broadman, 1966).

He has presented sacred concerts and lectured for the Foreign Mission Board in many countries and institutions. He just returned April 4 from a concert tour of Jordan and Lebanon.

The picture was made by Carey's student photographer Jim Hanson.

Two previous Carey cover photos on the Baptist Educator were featured at Christmas 1965 and Christmas 1966.



Dr. Garland Hendricks



Dr. Wilson Brumley

DR. GARLAND HENDRICKS, professor of church community development, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., (left) and Dr. C. Wilson Brumley, secretary of the Department of Rural Urban Missions of the Home Mission Board, will be two of the featured speakers at the Pastors-Missionary Retreat to be held at Camp Garaywa April 24-28. Pastors and superintendents of missions from every section of the state are expected, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary of Cooperative Missions Department.

BMC Sets . . .

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Mississippi State University and the fourth man graduate of Blue Mountain College.

The presentation of the Blue Mountain trustees' resolution to name the Administration Building in memory of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, who served for thirty-five years as president of the institution, will be made by the Honorable Joe Jack Hurst, Jackson, chairman of the board.

The address of response will be delivered by Mrs. C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., a member of the class of 1931. Prayer will be led by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

At 12:00 noon the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new dormitory will be held on the front campus area, the site of the new building.

The alumnae luncheon will be held in Ray Dining Hall at 12:15 noon.

At 1:15 p. m., the alumnae afternoon session will be held in Garrett Auditorium for the purpose of honoring members of six special reunion classes — 1906, 1962, 1952, 1942, 1932, and 1917.

At 3:00 p. m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium the Junior Class will present the 1967 May Festival, which is still the big secret of Blue Mountain's traditional practice of sixty-seven years, May Day.

A cast of ten players will entertain the guests immediately after the coronation of Queen Noveta Smith, Pensacola, Florida, who will be attended as Maid of Honor by Miss Nancy Myers.

"John Brown's Body," by Stephen Vincent Benet, the Spring Speech Production of the College, will be presented on Friday, May 5, at 8:00 p. m. in Garrett Auditorium and again on Saturday, May 6, at 7:00 p. m., especially for the Alumnae Day visitors.

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BAPTIST RECORD Page 3

Current Issues In Baptist Life



By Wayne E. Ward

Professor of Theology
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Should Baptism Be Postponed In Some Cases?

Some of our leading Baptist pastors and teachers have suggested that baptism should be postponed in some cases, until a level of Christian maturity has been attained. This has been recommended especially in the case of young children who may not be able to understand or accept the responsibilities of church membership.

There is reason for concern about the careless acceptance of people, both young and old, without instilling in them the serious responsibilities of church membership. However, the suggestion that baptism be postponed until the child reaches puberty, or the suggestion that persons be held in a kind of probationary or conditional church membership until they have demonstrated a certain measure of Christian growth introduces a dangerous distortion of the New Testament teaching about baptism.

Baptism, in the New Testament, is a sign of Christian beginning — not the sign of Christian maturity. It was, in fact, exactly the point at which the early Christian publicly proclaimed his faith in Christ. Over and over again, the Greek words of the New Testament proclaim that one is "baptized into the name of Christ." It was by the act of baptism that one was publicly identified with Christ, and it marked the beginning of the Christian journey. What we usually locate today in the invitation at the close of an

evangelistic service—the public profession of faith in Christ as Savior—was centered in the act of baptism in New Testament times. This does not mean that baptism saves one, any more than walking down an aisle can save one. It means that by the act of baptism and resurrection from the waters of baptism, the Christian was declaring his death to an old way of life and his resurrection to walk in a new life with Christ. It was the outward declaration of the inner experience of faith in Christ.

Sometimes appeal is made to the example of our mission fields, where baptism may be postponed for months or years. Sometimes Baptists in foreign countries are praised for holding baptismal candidates back for a year or so until they have proved themselves as Christians. But these are not really cases of postponing baptism! This is a case of the need for teaching and training before the person is even able to know what it means to confess Christ as Savior. There are certainly many cases where, in our own country, people need to be taught a great deal before they are ready to make a public declaration of faith in Christ. But whenever they are ready to do that, they are ready to be baptized; because that is what baptism means.

It is dismaying to find that some Baptist groups in

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Left to right: Al Benton, Mrs. Carey Cox, Rev. Carey Cox.

ON 15th ANNIVERSARY—

1st, Brandon, Surprises Pastor With "Passport" To Holy Land

Rev. and Mrs. Carey E. Cox were honored by the membership of First Church, Brandon, Sunday morning, March 19, on the completion of his fifteen years as pastor of the church, with the gift of a trip to the Holy Land. Approximately 260 families took part in the secret "Passport for our Pastor" fund in preparation for the day, giving \$3,001.43.

Plans for the surprise presentation were made by Fred C. McRae, chairman of deacons; Mrs. G. H. Graves, president of Woman's Missionary Union; Al Benton, chairman of special services; and A. J. Comfort, Jr., of the special services committee; and the deacons.

At the conclusion of the morning worship service Mr. McRae introduced Mr. Benton, who made the presentation of the book of memories, listing all who had taken part, and the check. C. H. Kennedy, chairman of the finance committee, escorted Mrs. Cox to the platform.

The church choir, under the direction of Rev. Arlis V.

Nichols, sang a special arrangement of "Amazing Grace," in the pastor's honor. This favorite of his hymns had been sung when the church paid tribute to him on his tenth anniversary.

The congregation, which filled the balcony and lower floor of the sanctuary, sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" in concluding the service.

Rev. and Mrs. Cox will be a part of the Holy Land tour to be conducted by Dr. Chester L. Quarles July 18-Aug. 9, 1967.

First, Brandon has experienced tremendous growth in the fifteen years of Mr. Cox's ministry. Church membership has increased from 447 to 738, Sunday School enrollment from 371 to 740, Training Union enrollment from 146 to 352, not including Robin Hood Mission, sponsored by the church. Value of the church property has increased from \$102,500 to \$465,000. Last year the church gave \$13,863 to missions out of \$83,185 receipts.

ROUSE, STEVENS—

MC APPOINTS NEW DIVISION CHAIRMEN

Two new division chairmen and a number of faculty promotions have been announced by Mississippi College following approval of the Board of trustees.

Dr. Sarah A. Rouse, currently serving as dean of women and professor of English, has been promoted to chairman of the Division of Humanities. She is replacing Dr. Louis Dollard who has resigned effective the end of this school year to join the faculty of another college.

The new chairman of the Division of Religion will be Dr. William W. Stevens, currently professor of Bible and New Testament Greek. He will take over the duties formerly held by Dr. E. R. Pin-

son. Dr. Pinson, as professor of Bible, will devote full-time to teaching.

Both of the new chairmen are long-time members of the Mississippi College staff. Dr. Rouse joined the college in 1950, coming from Florida State University where she taught while completing work for her doctor of philosophy degree in English.

Dr. Stevens joined the college staff in 1955. He holds the bachelor of arts degree from Marshall University and the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Other Promotions

Two teachers have been elevated to the rank of full

professor and given additional administrative duties. Dr. Charles E. Martin will be professor and head of the Department of Foreign Languages, while Dr. Joe M. Cooper will be professor and head of the newly created Department of Philosophy.

Both professors are graduates of Mississippi College. Dr. Martin received his Ph.D. in languages at Tulane University and Dr. Cooper the doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Mildred Crider has been promoted to associate professor in the department of education, while Miss Rosemary Thompson and Louis Temple, both currently on leave for

doctoral study, will return to the faculty as assistant professors. Miss Thompson will teach in the department of education and Mr. Temple in the department of biology.

In other changes, Van Dyke Quick will return after a year's leave of absence and will serve as director of admissions and instructor in education. Linuel Jayroe, currently serving as acting director of admissions, will become director of student recruitment. Ed Hewlett, presently acting dean of men, will become dean of men and instructor in English. Mrs. Dee Grantham, now assistant dean of women, will become acting dean of women.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

(May 7-14)

and

MOTHER'S DAY

(May 14)



Our Community Of Homes!

★The emphasis and the aim of Christian Home Week is the emphasis and aim of the Church's Child Care Agency—to operate and maintain an entire community of homes of proper authority, filled with children who live amid love and a hope which is nurtured in the reverence of God; and intensity of belonging which results in both security and acceptance for children who are developing wholesome personalities.

★The Baptist Children's Village is a mission field, addressing itself to the emphasis of Christian Home Week throughout the year.

★Village children, at an average rate of 260 per year, come to our agency for care because the emphasis of Christian Home Week has been eliminated from their natural homes.

★Effective 1967, NO other appeals for cash support for the Village will be made to Baptist Churches, upon whom we depend for approximately 70% of our minimum cash needs.

★In recognition of the importance of your Christian Home and ours, will you support a worthy MOTHER'S DAY offering for The Children's Village in your church this year?

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up . . ." (Psalms 27:10)

The Baptist Children's Village

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Two Groups

Two groups of young people were in action last Saturday. One was the thousands of young people (and older people, too) who marched in New York City and San Francisco, in protest rallies against our government's policies in the war in Viet Nam. The other group assembled at Gulfshore for study, planning, and prayer, concerning the programs of Baptist Student Work on the campuses of Mississippi colleges and universities during the coming year.

The larger groups were listening to the rantings of fanatics who were shouting their defiance of their nation's leaders and announcing their refusal to support the programs which have been set by our government in their attempt to stop the march of Communism in the world. The smaller group was hearing the challenges of Christian leaders, who were showing them from God's Word the way that Christian groups can meet the needs of men in this tragic hour, and were themselves planning how, under God, they could lead the young people of our state in a march of spiritual triumph for our nation and for God.

We hear much more today concerning young people who reject God, the church, moral standards, patriotism, and many other values which most of us count very dear, than about the vast majority of young people who do not join these marchers and protesters, but instead serve the nation, and, many of them, God, without fanfare or publicity. We are convinced that it is these latter young people who ultimately must save our nation from the destructive forces which are loose in the world.

These young people meeting at Gulfshore are representative of that fine group, upon which the very future of the world depends. We sometimes get a bit discouraged when we hear and see some of the things some modern young people are doing, but our faith is renewed and strengthened when we remember that the non-demonstrators are quietly making plans for giving a witness for Christ, and for using their influence for building their world according to God's plans. Since we know that the ultimate victory is the Lord's, we shall continue to count on these young people as the victors, no matter how much noise the other group makes.



A Matter Of Infinite Value

By Dr. James L. Fleiss
Pastor, First Church
Pensacola, Florida

The young man was having a hard time in the Seminary. When he had decided to become a minister he had assumed that he would automatically be exempt from many of the trials and tribulations of life. It didn't take him long to discover this just isn't true. He decided to drop out of school and forget about the whole idea. Prior to doing so he wrote his pastor back home a letter telling him of his intentions. He had tried, he really had, but it just wasn't going to work. From the time he had arrived at the Seminary there had been just one problem after another. Besides he felt all alone in this strange city. There was no one to whom he could turn.

The wise old pastor read the letter very carefully. His reply to the young man was certainly strange. Instead of writing a letter, his pastor simply clipped out a little poem and mailed it to him. The poem was a conversation that took place between two birds. The discouraged student opened the letter and read: "Said the robin to the wren, 'I would surely like to know why these restless human beings rush about and worry so.' Said the wren to the robin, 'It surely must be that they have no Heavenly Father such as cares for you and me.'"

The young man got the message. He didn't drop out of school nor did he give up the ministry. He was made to realize that he was not alone in life and that, he too, had a Father who cared.

In the eyes of God your life is of infinite value. Jesus said, "Fear not, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

When you are blue and lonely, when you feel that no one cares, perhaps you need to listen to the conversation of the robin and the wren. The philosophy of these two can change your life.

The Egyptians decorated their walls with paintings in which both the figures represented and the colors used had symbolic meanings.

"Elijah"

The Department of Music of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, under the direction of Dan C. Hall, scored a musical triumph last Saturday night at the Mississippi State Coliseum, in Jackson, when a 250-voice choir, a symphony orchestra, outstanding soloists, and a group of drama students, all participated in presenting Felix Mendelssohn's "Elijah". Many in the audience of more than 1500 persons felt that no finer presentation of this great oratorio ever had been made in the state, and the audience gave a standing ovation to the performers at the end of the program.

The choir was comprised of young people from the churches and Baptist colleges of the state. The orchestra included several members of the Jackson Symphony, but also numerous other musicians from over the state. The soloists were all from Mississippi except one from Texas. The drama students were from Mississippi College. The program was presented as the state young people's music festival for this year, promoted by the convention music department.

The lead role of Elijah, was sung by Andrew White of Baylor University. He was ably assisted by Vernon Polk, Grenada, tenor; Evelyn Herm, Jackson, Soprano; Geneva Reeves, Raymond, alto; and others.

Conductor for the program was Jack Lyall of Mississippi College, with the orchestra under the direction of Allan Fuller of Mississippi College. Billy Lytal of Mississippi College directed the dramatization. Coordinator for the program was Cecil Harper of Jackson.

The program was an unforgettable experience for those who heard and saw it, and we extend our heartiest congratulations to Dan Hall and all of those who worked with him, in preparing for and presenting it.

Youth Temperance Education Week

President Johnson has proclaimed the week of April 23-29 as "Youth Temperance Education Week." Congress, in a joint resolution last May, requested that such a week be proclaimed by the chief executive.

In the proclamation the president said "Human experience illustrates that liberty and discipline are not in opposition. In fact, liberty finds its roots in discipline. For the wider goals, the larger dreams, the nobler hopes belong to those who have learned to discipline their impulses and desires, to direct them toward constructive purpose and the creative challenge."

"During this week set aside as Youth Temperance

Education Week, let us consider how we may help our youngsters develop moral and spiritual strength to accept proudly the challenge to build a better future for all mankind."

Such a proclamation is most timely, and we salute those congressmen who promoted the resolution, and thus suggested to the president that such a week be observed. Some organizations are taking advantage of the emphasis, and will be promoting temperance education during the week. Many more should do so.

Never have the young people of the nation needed temperance education more. In this day when they continually are being bombarded with the pressures of destructive groups, through radio, television, the printed page, and in other ways, they need all of the moral and spiritual guidance which they can get.

Young people need to see the truth about what liquor, immorality, gambling and other evil forces will do to them, and need to be given spiritual guidance and strength to resist them. Every adult Christian, who has any concern whatsoever for the future of our youth, needs to join in the effort to see that proper teaching and guidance is provided. The Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission is working diligently in all of these fields. It should have the support of every Baptist in the state.

Moreover, every Christian citizen should help to insure that proper temperance and moral training is given in the public schools. The laws of Mississippi call for such temperance education in the schools, and all of us should seek to make sure that it is being taught in the schools in our areas.

Such training also must be given in the churches. Materials for use in such emphasis in the churches can be secured from the Christian Action Commission, Box 350, Jackson. These include tracts, posters, programs, films, etc.

Christians must offset the efforts of the liquor, gambling and other immoral groups, in their drive to reach American youth, with an equal emphasis on the truth concerning these matters.

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

He who prays for his neighbor will be heard for himself.—Hebrew Proverb

"Lord, I shall be verie busie this day; I may forget thee. But doe thou not forget me."

—Gen. Sir Jacob Astby, 1579-1652

The Baptist Forum

A BAPTIST CRUSADE

Editor:

Due to recent quotes and misquotes concerning who is invited to participate in the Crusade of the Americas, the Director Council (Executive Committee) or the Central Coordinating Committee ought to make it clear that it is a BAPTIST Crusade. Let us add the word "Baptist" making it the "Baptist Crusade of the Americas."

The Crusade of the Americas was a Baptist idea, the challenge was issued to the Baptist people, the Baptists accepted the challenge, the Baptists set up the organization with Baptist personnel and with Baptist money, and it is the responsibility of the Baptists to carry out the plans they have made and follow through with the challenge they have accepted. Therefore, let us clear the air and remove all question marks as to who is participating in the Crusade. Let us say the Baptists will participate and let us call it the "Baptist Crusade of the Americas."

Baptists have contributed much to other denominations. Many other denominations use our Baptist literature; they use our Baptist study course books and our Baptist hymnbooks; they send their young people to our Baptist colleges, and even to our seminaries. This is all very remarkable. However, no other denomination or sect

can preach the New Testament message of salvation for the Baptists. We must do that for ourselves. Baptists may unite with their Christian brethren of other denominations in some activities, but Baptists can unite with no other group in preaching the Gospel message to lost humanity. When we do that we cease to have any grounds of remaining the distinctive and unique Gospel-preaching people we have been through the centuries.

It has been suggested that other denominations might march beside us in this great crusade. The prophet Amos says they cannot walk beside us unless they agree with us. Therefore, if anyone wishes to march beside us in this evangelistic effort, let him first agree with the Baptists and then march under the Baptist name.

Let us call our crusade the "BAPTIST Crusade of the Americas!"

Albert M. Casteel, Missionary,
Baptist Home Mission Board,
Arecibo, Puerto Rico

Current Issues . . .

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foreign countries keep people on probation for a year or more to make sure that they have not attended a movie or slipped around and smoked a cigarette before they will admit them to baptism. It is well and good to have moral standards, but these ought to be taught within the discipline of church membership.

This is the order of the Great Commission: "And as you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them . . ." and then comes teaching: "teaching them to observe all the things which I have commanded you" (literal translation) (Matt. 28:19,20).

At the exact point where a person is ready to confess Christ as Savior and Lord, baptism should come—no earlier and no later. For that is what baptism means!

An old bachelor was asked why he never married, and he said it was because he was always looking for a woman who would make a perfect wife. When asked if he ever found such a woman, he answered: "Yes, once, but she was looking for a man who would make a perfect husband."

And these were his gifts:
some to be apostles,
some prophets,
some evangelists,
some pastors
and teachers,
to equip God's people
for work
in his service,
to the
building up
of the body
of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV

LIFE COMMITMENT SUNDAY, April 30, provides an opportunity for every church to start a concern in its members for total commitment of life in all areas of work and leisure as well as church vocations.—BSSE Photo

Newest In Books

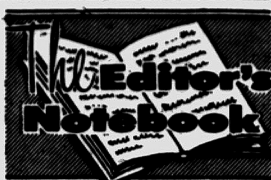
THE NEW SCOFIELD REFERENCE BIBLE (Oxford, five bindings, from \$7.25 (cloth) to \$27.50.

A completely new edition of one of the most popular reference Bibles ever published. The publication is the culmination of ten years of intensive work by a committee of distinguished evangelical scholars, of which Dr. E. Schuyler English was chairman. The King James Version is used, although certain obscure or obsolete words and terms have been replaced by modern terms, with the original word carried in the margin. The introductions to the

whole Bible, the various sections, and to each book are retained, although they have been brought up to date, on the basis of latest scholarly findings. The paragraphing and headings for the paragraphs are retained though revised. The well known note system is retained with notes at the bottoms of many pages, although these, too, have been revised and brought up to date. These notes are enclosed in life because the verse to which they refer is given at the beginning of the notation. The references are greatly increased, especially in the New Testament, where they are

moved from the center column to the margins. The chain reference system is retained. The notes are indexed, and the subject index and concordance are combined. The maps are new and easy to use.

The interpretation of the Bible has not changed from the older Scofield system, although many of the notes and interpretations have been altered and brought up to date to the consensus of opinion of modern day evangelical scholars holding these views. While one may disagree with this interpretation, he will have to admit that there is no liberal-



'NO MAN TAKES THIS HONOR'

No preacher is man-made or self-made. If he is a man of God, he is God-made.

Before God makes a minister He first calls him. "Called of God" is a phrase used many times in the Old and New Testaments.

The idea of having a "call to the ministry" is now thought by some to be obsolete. But nothing is clearer from the Scripture than the fact that only God chooses His prophets and priests. If any man assumes the office of a minister without the call of God he is an imposter.

The call to the ministry is an honor. The God of creation and of redemption has selected a person through whom He can speak. Something like the Secretary of State or the Prime Minister speaks for his government. The minister is a representative of God.

Because God has honored a person with a call to the ministry, we also must honor him. Every minister, as a representative of God, merits our respect even though he may fall short of our ideals and expectations. And those ministers who conscientiously apply themselves to the work of the ministry are "worthy of double honor" — honor for their calling and honor for their work.

—Wesleyan Methodist

Only Hope—Return To Evangelism

A secularized Christianity dismisses the Gospel of faith and salvation as having little relevance to life and accepts instead "another gospel," drawn from platforms of political, social, and intellectual liberalism. The vital spiritual dimension of the encounter between God and man is virtually ignored . . . what God has done yields to what society must do; good news is replaced by good intentions; and evangelism disappears in favor of reform.

—C. Darby Fulton, in Christianity Today

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

April 24 — Richard Pass, Adams - Union supt. of missions; Mrs. Dee Grantham, assistant dean of women, Mississippi College.

April 25 — Lillian W. Heiderhoff, Baptist Book Store; Minnie James, Baptist Book Store.

April 26 — Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent, Children's Village; James A. Breland, Baptist student director, Delta State College.

April 27 — Mrs. Victor Vaughn, assistant registrar, Clarke College; J. Clifford Watson, dean, Clarke College.

April 28 — Miss Evelyn Keyes, Baptist Building; Miss Waudine Storey, Baptist Building.

April 29 — Mrs. Ben Sanford, director of Department of Mathematics, Blue Mountain College; Mrs. M. C. Waldrup, hostess in Ray Dining Hall at BMC.

April 30 — D. C. Martin, dean of student affairs, Wm. Carey College; George Mills, chemistry professor, William Carey College.

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By W. Howard Bramlette

Perhaps no outsider can know all of the background details concerning the establishment of Kentucky Southern College, its convention sponsorship, its financial involvements, and the severance of the school from convention control. But some things can be said:

President Burhans' prediction (Baptist Press release, March 13) that the school's separation from official denominational control "is the direction that inevitably every church-related college that does not have tremendous endowment funds will be a confusing and unfortunate have to follow ultimately" is statement. It is capable of much misinterpretation. From it, already, unwarranted con-

clusions are being drawn.

Actually, no other school is like Kentucky Southern College. It is unique. Dr. Burhans has stressed his own reluctance at the early takeover of the school by the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky before achievement of accreditation and financial strength, which he preferred to have first.

Further, it seems the school spent money "promised by the leadership of the convention," before that money was actually in hand. In its rush toward providing "basic" buildings essential for full accreditation at the earliest possible moment, it spent money it did not have. This is bad business.

Thus, funds allocated originally for operating expenses

were used to cover capital expenditures and debt services. This is also bad business.

While the possibility always exists that at some future time other Baptist schools will sever relationships with the states, which own, control, and support them, (who can predict Baptists?) it is not true that inevitably every church-related college that does not have tremendous endowment funds will follow Kentucky Southern. All of our schools need more money, for salaries, equipment, new programs, research, and endowment. But not all of them are insolvent.

Editor Chauncey Daley wisely noted (Western Recorder, March 16) the friendly parting of the school and the denomination and men-

tions this might prove to be the way Baptists in other states will approach the severe problem of higher education today. Probably the separation in this case was wise, though sad, as he says. However, it is difficult to substantiate the following two statements in that editorial:

(1) "The school (Kentucky Southern) can be just as Christian as an independent, private college as it could be as a Baptist school." There are many examples close at hand which give evidence that exactly the opposite is the case.

(2) "Kentucky Baptists can ever live without regret for having made a significant contribution toward the realization of a dream and for helping make a school that might well serve Baptists better in the future than in the past." How? one might ask.

While admiring this easy transition and the absence of fireworks or rancor, I believe it should be emphasized that all Baptist schools do not have to follow this route and come to this end. Each school and its support will likely be considered individually in the future, in the light of that school's unique needs and possibilities. If severance comes, it would come, then, only for reasons peculiarly germane to an individual school's situation and not because a non-applicable "precedent" was set by Kentucky Southern College.

Certainly Kentucky Southern's action establishes no observable trend. There will not be any great rush to emulate the action of this school for the same reasons. While finances are critical in many schools, no other, to my knowledge, is as deeply in debt, proportionately, as was Kentucky Southern.

One thing Baptists will do well to consider is underscored by the action noted here. Baptists ought not to be in the business these days of starting and relinquishing schools. Perhaps a corollary principle should be: Let us stop starting them in the first place until we have strengthened the colleges we already have or until adequate financing has been secured.



THE BRUSSELS WORLD FAIR SKY RIDE is at Lakeland, Dixie's answer to Disneyland, located in Memphis, Tenn. Yazoo City juniors and seniors will visit Lakeland during their 1967 "From."

TO TAKE SKY RIDE IN MEMPHIS-

Yazoo City Young People Make Plans For '67 "From"

At the request of some fine Christian young people, First Church, Yazoo City, inaugurated in the spring of 1967 a program of post-graduation entertainment. These juniors and seniors desired a good time on graduation night without having to compromise convictions and inviting the regrets and moral hang-overs that customarily follow the "good times" usually observed on such occasions. Because of this, the event became known as the "FROM."

From its beginning, with fifty-three persons in attendance, the "FROM" has grown to become a big venture in the lives of Christian young people in the community. In 1961 First, Yazoo City extended an invitation to other churches in the community to participate in this event. Each year more churches become involved and the event now includes churches in Yazoo City and some from within the county.

Activities participated in by those attending the "FROM" have included charter bus trips, bowling, banquets, and various assortments of spectator entertainment. Last year the "Fromers" traveled to Vicksburg for a steak supper and an evening aboard the Sprague, which featured a full-length black face minstrel.

This year the "FROM" will take on a new approach as the activities will include an out-of-state trip to LAKE LAND, Dixie's answer to Disneyland, located in Memphis, Tennessee. Another new look for this year's "FROM" is that other Baptist Churches from over the state are invit-

for me to preach Christ. There in prison I encountered life as I had never known it before, and I was fully persuaded the world needs Christ to cure it of all its sickness." He returned to the States determined "to deal with life firmly."

But he didn't tell the Board of the heroic acts which prompted the U. S. Army to bestow on him its Silver Star. His wife, upon request, gave these brief details:

It was night in Korea, and the platoon Dean Denmark was leading had suffered heavy casualties. He and more than 20 men were without radio and almost without ammunition. Ordering the others to fall back, he held off the enemy with a few grenades. He was about to attempt his own escape when a young soldier, badly wounded, cried for help.

He stayed with the youth and sought a hiding place, but in the bright moonlight they were soon captured. Through several infamous death marches in subfreezing weather, the lieutenant carried his wounded buddy in his arms and on his back. His friend was freed in a prisoner exchange a few months later; Mr. Denmark was in solitary confinement when the war ended in armistice.

Dean Denmark joins a number of missionaries of all faiths who began or firmed their decisions for missions on the battlefronts or in the prisons of World War II or the Korean War.

Medical Doctors, Personnel Will Discuss Missions

MIAMI (AP) — About 200 Baptist doctors, dentists and other medical personnel are expected to attend a breakfast briefing on foreign medical missions May 30 here during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Purpose of the meeting is to expose Baptist medical people to the world-wide opportunities to serve humanity, said Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the SBC Foreign Missions Board.

Theme of the 7 a. m. breakfast in Miami's Columbus Hotel will be "A Call to The Baptist Medical Profession to a Greater Witness."

The meeting will be sponsored by the SBC Brotherhood Commission in cooperation with the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Tickets cost \$2.50 each.

Program features include medical doctors and dentists now serving in foreign missions who will talk about their work.

The Foreign Mission Board offers doctors and dentists opportunities to serve for a year in one of the medical mission institutions overseas, Dr. Fowler said. Family travel expenses, housing, and maintenance are provided by the Foreign Mission Board.

Physicians also may serve for a period of three to six weeks during their vacation at their own expense, Dr. Fowler said.

Alaska Board Okays Building, Giving Increase

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP) —The Alaska Baptist Executive Board voted here to increase its percentage of missions giving to causes outside the state, and gave initial approval to constructing a new Baptist building not later than 1971.

The board approved increasing its percentage of contributions to Southern Baptist Convention causes each year from 1968 until 1971, stepping up the 28 per cent now being contributed to SBC causes each year.

The board also voted to build a new office building on the present location or other suitable property, and asked the convention's executive secretary to study planning and financing aspects of the building and report to the August meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention.

In another major action, the board adopted an organizational manual which provides structural and procedural reorganization of the state board.

The program committee of the board recommended the establishment of a trust loan fund to provide short-term interim financing for construction of new churches and purchase of future church sites.

Recollections Of The Baptist Record Under Editor P. I. Lipsey, Part IX

By John J. Lipsey

After my father, Dr. P. I. Lipsey, had been settled in the editorial saddle of The Baptist Record and had his stirrup-leathers adjusted for length, the make-up of the paper became somewhat standardized, though it changed often in his nearly 40 years of service.

When I (his hired hand) left for army service in 1917, the arrangement was something like this: The first eight pages were set in 10-point type, 17 ems (pica) wide. The remaining eight pages were set in 8-point type, 13 ems (pica) wide to accommodate the standard advertising cuts. (No ads in the first half of the paper.) An em (pica) is one sixth of an inch. Page one would usually have news briefs, though these might have to give space to pictures, poems, or special announcements. Pages two and three were usually filled with weightier articles, page four was for the masthead and editorials, page five might contain runover from the editorial page and miscellany. Pages six and seven might be news and more contributed articles. Page eight was likely to be a conglomeration, one of the most interesting pages in the paper. The various departments were confined to the last eight pages, among the advertisements.

At least two of the departments were inherited by Father: One was run by Rev. Martin Ball of Winona, a big jolly man who loved to give publicity to anyone who would write him. His brief personal paragraphs were read, I think, by almost every subscriber.

Another column headed, I think, "East Mississippi Department" or something like that, was written by the Rev.

R. L. Breland. This column was started when The Baptist Record acquired (some years before my time) a paper named, as I recall, "The Mississippi Baptist," organ of a rival to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. This rival's name escapes me; it might have been the General Baptist Association of Mississippi or the Mississippi Baptist Association. Anyhow, it included a number of associations centered around Newton, Mississippi, or thereabout. Its member churches were very fundamental, very independent and in money very poor. For years it had been a thorn in the side of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and it was only by patience, perseverance, and understanding on both sides that the two organizations were at last consolidated. One of the conditions of the consolidation was that the independents should have a department of their own in The Record. This department turned out to be one of the less thrilling portions of the paper. One of the achievements of the general association (whatever its name) was the establishment of what was then called Clarke Memorial College at Newton. It was for years afflicted with malnutrition and anemia, as I well know. I visited this Spartan institution while my brother, P. I. Lipsey, Jr., was a professor there.

Each week, also, there was an exposition of the Sunday school lesson written by the gentle, learned, and beloved Miss Margaret McRae Lackey. I think there was also a young people's department, edited by Miss Evie Landrum (who later married Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Editor, The Baptist Record, 1942-1956). Maybe this was a W.M.U. department.

Shortly after my father became editor in 1912, something new was added to The Record. This was a page headed "The Children's Circle" or "The Children's Corner." My mother, Mrs. Julia Toy Johnson Lipsey, edited this with faithfulness and success. She bought a typewriter and learned to type beautifully. Her copy was never late and it never had to be edited. I think this department was inspired by a column in the Tennessee Baptist paper, The Baptist and Reflector (published at Nashville), a column edited by a Mrs. Maynard. I think my name may have appeared (as

a contributor) first in print there in 1896 when I was about six years old. With the assistance of Mother, I wrote a letter to this column, "The Young South" and enclosed a trifling sum of money for some cause that Mrs. Maynard was promoting. (I was one proud child when my signed letter was printed.) Mother's cause was the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage (as it was then called), and the Circle's children sent in so much money that eventually a building at the orphanage was named for Mrs. Lipsey. I don't know whether any structure at the present-day Baptist Children's Village bears her name or not. I used to write some children's pieces for Mother's page after I came to Colorado in 1921. Mother kept this going until a few weeks before her death on Dec. 28, 1937. My sister, Julia Frances Lipsey Steele (Mrs. X. O.), then took over this department and kept it going with the same spirit Mother had put into it.

This article will probably be the penultimate in this series.

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War Experience Leads To Mission Commitment



REV. AND MRS. I. DEAN DENMARK, of Lumberton, N. C., were appointed missionaries to Nigeria on March 9 by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Denmark traces the beginning of his missionary commitment to the 10 months he spent in a communist prison during the Korean War.

When Rev. I. Dean Denmark stood before the Foreign Mission Board asking to represent Southern Baptists overseas, he traced the beginning of his missionary concern to the bleak setting of a communist prison in Korea. But he didn't mention the Silver Star Medal he received in 1953 for gallantry in action in the Korean War, and he seemed a bit surprised when a news writer from the Board's press office, who had stumbled upon the information accidentally, started probing.

The 35-year-old Georgian, now pastor of West Lumberton Church, Lumberton, N.C., and his wife, the former Mary Ann McGrady, also a Georgian, were among the 14 missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board at its March meeting. The Den-

marks will go to Nigeria, where he will help with the administrative business of a large missionary staff in addition to preaching. He has a college degree in accounting, and was an accountant before entering the ministry.

Dean Denmark was 19 and in college when his National Guard unit was mobilized soon after the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950. After more than two years of training he was sent overseas.

Captured the first time he went into combat, the young lieutenant spent 10 months in prison.

"War epitomized to me all the brokenness of humanity," he said in a recent interview. "The innocent suffering was appalling. I prayed and examined every phase of my life, and the urgent demand kept coming through

Freedom Articles In Jordan Paper

Fourteen articles on "The Spiritual Foundations of Freedom," written by Mrs. J. Wayne Fuller, missionary to Jordan, have been published in a Jordanian newspaper. They were reprinted in booklet form for distribution during a nationwide Baptist evangelistic campaign, April 2-9.

The newspaper printed the article without by-line, but ran a picture and biographical sketch of Mrs. Fuller the day after their conclusion.

ARAB RECORDING STUDIO READY FOR EQUIPMENT

The new Baptist radio-recording studio in Beirut, Lebanon, expected to provide a Christian witness to all the Arab world, is ready for the installation of equipment.

The Arab Baptist General Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Arab countries), while meeting in Beirut last August, proposed an extensive broadcasting ministry, organized a radio-television committee headed by Rev. J. Conard Willmon (missionary to Lebanon), and voted to build a studio at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, on the outskirts of Beirut. In September, 1966, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$15,000 for the beginning of this work.

Rev. J. Wayne Fuller (mis-

sionary to Jordan) supervised construction of the studio in the seminary administration building. Program production is expected to begin by June and broadcasting, by January, 1968. Via shortwave stations in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and in Monte Carlo, the programs will be beamed throughout the Arabic-speaking Middle East and North Africa.

Rev. E. Wesley Miller, missionary radio-TV representative for Europe and the Middle East, has helped set up the studio, and until the Arab Mission gets a recording specialist, he will visit Beirut periodically to make recordings. He will also confer with Arab Christians and missionaries on the effective use of radio evangelism.



LLOYD PFAUTSCH (upper R) will conduct classes in choral conducting and interpretation at music leadership conferences scheduled for June 29 - July 5 at Ridgecrest Assembly and July 13-19 at Glorieta Assembly. Pfausch, who is director of the music division of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will also address both conferences. Conductors of the featured music work, which will be the oratorio, "The Passion According to St. Matthew" by Johann Sebastian Bach, will be: (lower L) DuPre Rhame at Ridgecrest and (lower R) Walter O. Dahlin at Glorieta. Thame is director of the division of fine arts and professor of music, Furman University, Greenville, S. C. Dahlin is chairman of the music department, Chico (Calif.) State College. Music leadership conferences are sponsored by the Sunday School Board's church music department. — BSSB Photo

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10. Aged Ministers & Widows	2,250.00
11. Workshops & Conferences	2,400.00
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TRINITY

VOTES TO EXPAND

The Trinity Baptist Church in Fulton voted unanimously Sunday night, April 9, to go into a three-point expansion program. The program includes the purchase of adjacent property to be used for parking, and a recreation building and a two-story, completely remodeling the present church building.

The Building Committee is composed of Boyce McNeer, Chairman; Bill Greary; Guy Young; and Forrest Ramey; and Tracie Clayton.

The Landscaping Committee is composed of Holland Little, Chairman; Donald Beck; Leonard Smith; Wm. Byrd; and Tommy Bullard.

The Finance Committee is composed of Victor Brown, Chairman; Oscar Dulaney; and D. S. Senter. The Survey and Planning Committee was composed of Milton Brown, Chairman; Glen Sheffield; and Charles S. Senter. The work will begin as soon as the details can be worked out. Rev. Horace C. Thomas is the pastor.

Carey Alumni Hold Banquet In New Orleans

The William Carey College Alumni chapter at New Orleans held its annual alumni banquet on Thursday evening, April 5, on the campus of New Orleans Seminary. Some 100 persons were in attendance. Bobby Hood, class of '63 and currently serving as Minister of Music and Education at Suburban Church, New Orleans, was in charge.

The program included performances by both the William Carey College Choral and the Scampore Players who are presently on their Spring tour.

Representing Carey College at the New Orleans banquet were: Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president; Dr. D. C. Martin, dean of students; Mrs. Marjorie Rydman, director of public relations; and Bill Mitchell, director of admissions. Representing the Executive Committee of the Carey Alumni Association were Alon Collett, president, and Beth Ann Purnell, secretary.



Historical Commission Announces Winners Of Minutes Contest

In the summer of 1965 the Historical Commission sent a "Format for Clerks" to the members of the Commission for them to use as a guide in preparing associational minutes. The Commission offered awards to the clerks whose minutes conformed more closely to the format, with March 1, 1967 as the deadline for sample copies to be in the office of the Historical Commission, Clinton, Mississippi. The winners of these awards were as follows: Mrs. O. C. Ross, Lafayette Co., First Place winner, \$40.00; Mrs. A. L. Benton, Rankin Co., Second Place winner, \$30.00; Mr. B. L. Clearman, Lamar Co., Third Place winner, \$20.00; and Mr. L. D. Clements, Yalobusha Co., Fourth Place winner, \$10.00.

Sunday School

NEW NURSERY FILMSTRIP

"Teaching Nursery Children" is a new filmstrip that is now available in the Baptist Book Store. The 45 frames are in color and the recording is on 7-inch hard record. The filmstrip may be bought with one manual and recording for \$7.00. Also, the new filmstrip will be added to the "Nursery Series" and the new price of the series will be \$15.25.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAFLET

A new training leaflet by Chester Vaughn, "A Sunday School Training Plan" will be available in our office in June of this year.

The leaflet will cover these five steps: (1) Resolve to train Sunday School workers (2) Elect a Sunday School Superintendent of training (3) Discover training needs (4) Schedule training opportunities (5) Conduct training opportunities

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New York Baptists Join Interdenominational Group

NEW YORK (BP) — Southern Baptists here are participating members in a regional Church Plan Commission that includes 10 Protestant denominations and several Councils of Churches.

The new organization, which provides the basis for cooperative research and mission efforts in the metropolitan New York area, already has produced "Spread City 1985," a study projecting the developments and trends of the area and the issues they pose for the church.

Paul S. James, superintendent of missions for the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, has been attending meetings of the new group.

Denominations represented are Methodist, United Presbyterian, American Lutheran, Episcopal, Christian, United Church of Christ, Reformed Church in America, American Baptist, and Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

State Councils of Churches in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey, the Protestant Council of the City of New York, and County Councils in the area also are represented.

MC CHOIR ANNOUNCES 8-DAY TOUR

The Mississippi College Chapel Choir has announced an eight-day spring tour in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The 48-member choir, under the direction of Roland Shaw, will present 18 concerts during the tour.

Starting with a performance at 11 a. m. worship service at First Church, Mendenhall on Sunday, April 23, the tour will conclude with a 7:30 p. m. concert at First Church, Vicksburg on Sunday, April 30. In between will be stops at churches and schools in Mendenhall, Laurel, Ellisville, Leakeville, Pascagoula, Ocean Springs, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Pass Christian, Magnolia, Meadville, Natchez, Greenville, and Rolling Fork.

In New Orleans the group will sing at Gentilly Church and New Orleans Seminary. The Tallulah, La., concert will be at First Church.

Serving as soloists on the tour will be Gaye Parks, Karen Cooper, Cindy Brantley, Billy Coker, Walter Price, Kirk Gullede, H. B. Miller, and Darryl Petry. The pianist will be Cheryl Keathley.

Composing a special Folk Trio will be John Cotton, James Moore, and John Stevens.

Missionary's Mother Killed

Mrs. R. C. Tension, of San Saba, Tex., mother of Dr. Grayson C. Tension, missionary to Portugal, died April 1 of injuries received in an automobile accident the previous day. Her husband, a Baptist minister, was also injured, but he has now been released from the hospital.

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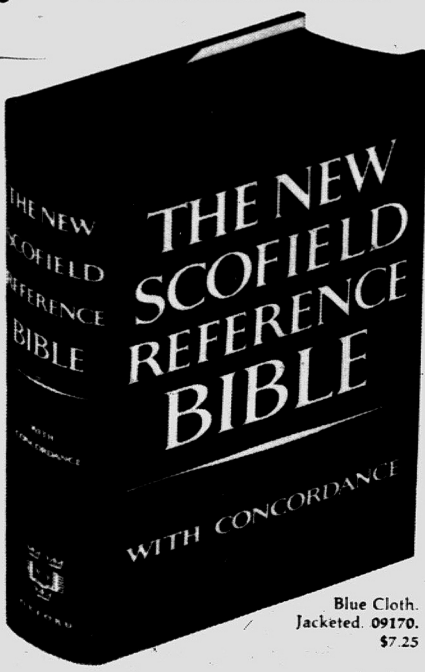
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Baptist Preacher Dies At 77

Rev. P. G. (Pat) Harper, died at his home in Myrick community, in Jones County, on January 21. Born November 28, 1889, in Leake County, he had lived for 28 years in Jones County.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 22 by his pastor, Rev. M. Wicker, assisted by Rev. Jimmy Holder and Rev. J. T. Renfro. Interment was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Jones County.

Mr. Harper was the son of George W. and Mary Harper. He attended public school near Harpersville in Scott County, and studied at New Orleans Seminary in 1922 and 1923.

He married Queenie Bailey on September 11, 1917. His wife survives him.

He was a member of Pleasant Grove Church, Wayne County, one of many churches he pastored during his years of ministerial work.

At the age of 18 he gave his life for service to the Lord, and he was a pastor until his resignation from Antioch Church, Washington County, Alabama, December 18, 1966, just a few weeks before his death. He had served Antioch for 17 years.

A retired funeral director stated, "Brother Harper married more people and conducted more funerals than most any preacher living in Jones County. To know him was to love him. He always had a pleasant word to speak to or about anyone."

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Two recognized authorities in the field of educational music will compose the faculty for the annual Music Education Workshop scheduled for Mississippi College June 12-23.

James E. Green, music consultant for the Silver Burdett Company, and Miss Louise McClure, consultant in music education for the same organization, are scheduled to be the visiting consultants for the two-week meeting.

The workshop, designed for the classroom teacher and specialist in the field of music, will carry three semester hours of college credit. The participant may choose between Music for Children and Music Education in the Elementary School.

For those desiring three hours of college credit for the two-week conference, the workshop costs will be \$60 for tuition and \$10 for registration, or \$70 total. Those not desiring college credit will pay only the \$10 registration fee.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Ralph Carroll at Mississippi College. Brochures outlining the workshop are available.

Kindergarten Opens At Robinson St.

Robinson Street Church Kindergarten, Jackson, held registration day for the 1967-68 session on Tuesday, April 18, in the kindergarten at the church.

All children who will be 4 or 5 years of age on or before January 1, are eligible to attend. Tuition is \$15.00 with a \$4.00 registration fee. The Kindergarten is in its fifth year of operation and is opened Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:30 A.M.

For additional information call the Director, Mrs. Jarmon Smith at 355-3880. There is still time for others to enroll.

HMB APPOINTS 4 FROM BMC

The following Blue Mountain College students have been appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve as 1967 summer missionaries to four different states:

Rev. William Patton, Guntown, a current ministerial student, to California; Gayle Douglas, Long Beach, to Colorado; June Smith, Jackson, to Kansas; Nancy Chamberlain, Grenada, to California; Rose Horn, Jackson, Tenn., to Salt Lake City, Utah; Martha Philpot, Camden, Ala., place of service to be announced.

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Peter And John At The Temple

Characteristics Of The Church

By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 3

The city of Jerusalem still felt the impact of Pentecost. Wonders and signs had taken place through the apostles.



The church had increased to more than three thousand persons, and other persons were being saved day by day. The Christians were gripped by a sense of the Holy Spirit's power in their midst. Other people were favorably disposed toward the Christians. Another significant opportunity now arose—in connection with the healing of the lame beggar at the gate of the Temple—for the preaching of the truth about Jesus Christ. The reality of his resurrection was being demonstrated by the power of his Spirit working through the apostles.

The Lesson Explained
THE BEGGAR AT THE GATE (vv. 1-3)

There was no sudden break on the part of the Christians away from Judaism. Hence, Peter and John were going to the Temple for the regular hour of prayer—three o'clock in the afternoon. At the gate called Beautiful, a well-known beggar, lame from birth, had a regular stand or place. Here he was brought at the hour of prayer—the time and place most propitious for generous response on the part of the people. Surely the beggar knew of the wondrous happenings in Jerusalem in the preceding days. And almost certainly the beggar had seen and known Jesus before his death. In a very real way, the beggar represents human need.

THE GIFT BETTER THAN MONEY (vv. 4-10)

Peter and John were alert to the opportunity created by the Holy Spirit. They looked at the beggar with a piercing gaze and instructed him to look at them with intense concentration. The beggar, of course, responded, expectantly waiting for some token of charity. Peter had no money at the time; just why, we do

not know. But he had something far better than money—faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth and faith to believe that the living Jesus would heal this beggar. The result was observable to all the people as they saw the healed beggar walking, leaping, and praising God as he accompanied Peter and John into the Temple.

THE EXPLANATION OF THE MIRACLE (vv. 11-16)

The miracle quickly drew a crowd. Peter was quick to sense the opportune time to proclaim the truth about Jesus. Having disclaimed any power or piety on the part of himself and John to explain the miracle, Peter declared that the God whom all the people worshiped—"the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob"—had glorified his Servant Jesus by this act of healing.

Truths to Live By
Power is available to do the work of Christ.—The work involved in the Christian mission is a staggering task. The work to be done in the ongoing program of a church often seems overwhelming. The needs of suffering humanity call for ministries utterly beyond human resources. But we must always see ourselves and the work to be done for Christ in relation to the power of Christ available through his Spirit.

A work done for Christ is an occasion to exalt Christ, never an occasion for vain glory.—The healing of the lame beggar at the gate of the Temple drew the attention and wonder of all the people to Peter and John. They might have been tempted to exalt themselves. Instead, they exalted Christ. Their attitude illustrates what is always appropriate for Christians.

Prayer keeps faith strong.—Following Pentecost, Peter and John may have neglected the matter of prayer. Instead, they diligently cultivated their faith by means of prayer. Faith needs constant cultivation. Communion with God through his Spirit makes his presence more real, makes a person more responsive to his will and makes him more gen-

By Bill Duncan
Acts 2:41-47

After Pentecost we see the church beginning to function. Before this time the group



was small and afraid. Now it seems to be a growing organization made up of people of different backgrounds, but united under the Headship of Christ. The wonderful results of Pentecost were to be continuous. The organization was small, with the offices elected out of need to promote efficiency. The entrance into this group was, upon faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. After a person had accepted Christ as Saviour, baptism was administered upon the profession of faith.

The church was still a part of the Jewish community. The first Christians grafted their Christianity on their Judaism. It appears that they were meeting in homes as Christians, and visited the Temple as devout Jews. The full break with Judaism will be seen later in the early history of the church as recorded by the book of Acts.

The best term used to describe the characteristics of the church is that of a fellowship. This was the fellowship of Christians with one another in Christ. A church is a real church when it is a band of brothers who are sharing their faith, influence and possessions. It had what is called togetherness.

A Fellowship of Learning (v 42)

"They continued in the apostles' doctrine". The word "doctrine" is not passive, but it is active. They were persistent in studying and listening to the apostles as they taught. Most of the converts knew little of the teaching of Jesus; therefore, this church had a great emphasis on equipping the believer for wit-

unely confident of the Holy Spirit's help. Faith dries up when prayer is neglected.

ness. They shared with one another their experiences and interpreted their meaning. No Christian should go a single day without learning something new and penetrating more deeply into the wisdom and the grace of God. They attended also to preaching. They studied more and more the Gospel to show it as the fulfillment of the Old Testament. Then they proclaimed God's message with authority.

A Fellowship of Prayer (v 42, 47)

These early Christians knew that they could not meet life in their own strength and they did not need to do so. It was through prayer that they were able to triumph over state persecution. They spoke to God before they went out into the world to speak their witness and meet life's problems. Their prayer life was able to help them reach for a miraculous source of strength. "They all continued with one accord in prayer". God was more ready to bless them than they were able to receive. Their prayer life was habitual and enabled them to live great lives. There was systematic, definite, positive praying in connection with one another.

A Fellowship of Worship (v 46)

They never forgot to visit God's house. The early Church is seen attending the temple at the time of prayer. They were together on the day of Pentecost worshipping when the Spirit came. It was a sad day when Paul said "not forgetting the assembling of yourselves together as the custom of some is".

The worship of the early church was characterized by fear (v 43) and praise. This awesomeness which is translated fear, has the idea of reverence. The Christian moves in reverence everywhere because he sees the whole earth as the temple of God. Great fear came upon the church because of the death of Ananias and Sapphira and this led them into deeper commitment to God.

We must have reverence for God in our hearts. Worship also must have praise in it. Praise attempts to put God in proper perspective. Praise attributes to God his true worth. They continued in their worship, praising God.

The observance of the Lord's Supper was a definite part of their worship. Many persons felt that the breaking of the bread speaks of the Lord's Supper. It seems that together as members of one family about the one table they took the emblems of bread and the fruit of the vine in memory of Him to proclaim His death on the cross.

Fellowship of Sharings (v 44)

These early Christians had an intense feeling of responsibility for each other. It appears that they were so close that when one suffered, they all suffered. A real Christian could not bear to have too much when others have too little. There could have been many who lost possessions and jobs because of their commitment to Christ. There were also the poor which were always present. This does not mean they divided up everything and distributed it evenly among all. Notice the next clause, "As every man had need". They took their own and disposed of it, and gave according to the need.

Among these good people discontent came about the sharing (Acts 6:1-7). This called for the first organization of the church—the deacons. This tension was because some were afraid the fellowship was being broken. The fellowship of learning was so important that lesser men were asked to handle the sharing and the apostle continues with the most important—the Word.

In this kind of church there was something that happened about which the people talked (2:43). The church was happy. They had gladness of heart. God wants his people to be happy in the church. This church had a good reputation with the people. The persecution of the early church never originated with the rulers and priest. Their witness resulted in people being saved. The effect of this fellowship on others caused many to express faith in Jesus Christ. This is the only real purpose of our Christian witness in word and life.

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BAPTIST RECORD Page 1

ALL NIGHT PARTY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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Draw Near To God

By Malcolm A. Jones, Pastor, First, Houston
James 4:8-10

In the beginning of these verses, James describes human conflict. The expressive words he uses are fightings, interpersonal wars, lust and killing, and innate desire for things, but never obtaining, and even asking for things you can't receive. How many of us want things we cannot have or acknowledge willingness to strive with wrong methods to achieve right goals? This is altogether descriptive of too much happening to many of us.

But we must also recognize that right desires can be achieved. Men can really live. God's resistance to our ways of achievement doesn't mean that we can't find the satisfying answers to life's needs. In fact, the opposite is true. As he says in verse 6b, "God resisteth the proud but giveth grace to the humble."

"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." At the beginning and at the end of this passage there is an emphasis on submission to God. How often people are prone to think that God will not look upon them with mercy but will give them what they deserve. And yet, God is full of mercy and loving-kindness, who doesn't vote for our isolation from Himself. The Psalmist knew: "I cried . . . He heard my cry and brought me up also out of the miry pit," and again, "He will regard the prayer of the destitute," or as Isaiah said, "before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

Life's real answers then can be found in a personal relationship of drawing oneself near to God by faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour. When we draw near through Him we begin to experience life at its very best.

How shall we draw near? These words are descriptive of attitudes with which we come to God: Humility that would acknowledge our need towards God, a rejection of wrong attitudes that would be contrary to His purpose, a desire for God's presence and will in our lives, a willingness to clean up our living of anything contrary to His purpose. And upon our meeting this condition is the promise made, "draw near to God and He will draw near to you."



PICTURED are some of the young ladies at First Church, Pearllington, who got together and made some candy, along with several other ladies, and sent it to the boys in Viet Nam. (27 pounds to be exact.) Left to right: Miss Becky Wardle, Miss Shirley Holden, Mrs. Jerry York, Miss Jewel Carver, and Miss Debbie York.—Rev. J. L. Wardle is pastor.

Tolbert Says World Thinks Christians Are 'Faking It'

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — "The world has no respect for Christians today because it knows we are simply faking it," said New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Professor Malcolm O. Tolbert here. Speaking at the 13th annual Student Missions Conference at New Orleans Seminary, Tolbert told the students that "drawing a smoke screen of talk over our lives cannot hide the truth."

"Jesus identified himself fully with those he came to reach, in their anguish, agony, dirt and disease. We say

that we believe in him, and yet we raise barriers that keep the world from coming in contact with us," said Tolbert, a former Southern Baptist missionary to Brazil.

"The purpose of identification is that men may see God," he said, "and they can only see him in someone else. Christ came because God's love had to become concrete in a human being, and it is the same today. We must point people to God by our willingness to relate to them." Tolbert said he is a troubled preacher, because his minis-

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East Booneville Occupies Building

East Booneville Church observed a day of thanksgiving last Sunday when they moved into their new educational building. The building will allow the church, which was organized in 1948, to have room to increase their Sunday school attendance by at least 100 members. The building will house the beginner department, 2 primary departments, a combined junior department and fellowship hall, 4 classrooms, and a kitchen. Pictured above are the Building Committee: Rev. Earle Greene, pastor; Chester Smith, Garfield Wheeler, and Bluford Allen, chairman.

YOUTH TEMPERANCE WEEK IS PROCLAIMED BY JOHNSON

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson has proclaimed April 23-29, 1967 as Youth Temperance Education Week.

The purpose of the week, according to a joint resolution approved by Congress, is to alert young people to the dangers of intemperance and to assist them in the development of moral strength, physical fitness, and civic responsibility.

The President called on the nation to consider during this week how to help young people develop the moral and spiritual strength to accept the challenge to build a better world for all mankind.

Acknowledging that our society is one of "unprecedented affluence," the President said:

"If our children are to be enriched and not despoiled by the abundance of our material life, we must search our own hearts and minds, our own values and priorities, to be sure that moral and spiritual qualities are not submerged or blunted in the selfish quest for personal security, comfort and luxury."

The President urged Americans to accept material abundance gratefully, as a "condition which liberates our spirits and frees our minds for the great and beneficent conquests of human sorrow, suffering and weakness."

"Human experience illustrates," the President also said, "that liberty and discipline are not in opposition; that, in fact, liberty finds its roots in discipline. For the

J. M. (Uncle Tobe) DAVIS—Collector Of Baptist Records Celebrates 98th Birthday

John Marshall (Uncle Tobe) Davis celebrated his 98th birthday on March 20.

Mr. Davis was the subject of a feature article in the Baptist Record about four years ago. He has subscribed to the Record for more than 75 years and saved practically every issue. Though some of the earlier issues were accidentally destroyed, he still keeps stacks and stacks of Baptist Records in his room.

He has also collected associational minutes, and has some dating back to the 1890's. These minutes were used in writing the history of the Magee's Creek Church, Waltham County which was organized in 1838, and where Davis was ordained as a deacon in 1903.

He celebrated his 98th birthday in Bogalusa, Louisiana, where he has lived at 903 Superior, with his daughter, Miss May Davis, for a good many years. Rev. Solie Smith, former pastor in Mississippi, now pastor of Superior Avenue Church, Bogalusa, and his wife, superintendent of the Extension Department of the Sunday school, and other members of the Extension Department, visited him in the morning to serve coffee and cake and to sing and lead in a devotional service.

In the afternoon, Mr. Davis dressed and went into the dining room to be photographed with his cake and then spent the rest of the day in bed, where he received his callers. (He was more alert than usual, knew his visitors, and talked with them. He is in very poor health now, but has retained his memory throughout his serious illnesses of two three-weeks periods in the hospital in less than a year.)

A group of young people and Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Sing-

wider goals, the larger dreams, the nobler hopes belong to those who have learned to discipline their impulses and desires, to direct them toward the constructive purpose and the creative challenge.



J. M. Davis

ley (former Mississippians) from Memorial Baptist Church, Bogalusa, visited and sang for him, and read a marked scripture passage from Mr. Davis's old, well-worn New Testament.

A farmer, he likes much to see things grown. When he moved to Bogalusa, he kept his land in Mississippi. In his middle eighties he cleared seven acres of land and cultivated it for several years. He cared for bees as a hobby until this year.

His driver's license did not expire until March 20, 1966, his 97th birthday. And he put 132,000 miles on his '49 Dodge before he sold it last year!

Mr. Davis was born March 20, 1869 in the China Grove community near Kokomo in Marion County. In early childhood, after the death of his father, he moved with his mother and sister and brother to the Darbun community where he lived until he moved to Louisiana.

His wife, the former Mary Estelle Powell of Morgantown, died in 1958. They had four children, Mary May of Bogalusa, La.; Wm. Wesley of Kokomo; Mie Minnie Lea (Martin) of Vicco, Ky.; and Andrew Hoyt of Lake Charles, La.

BMC PLANS SPRING PRODUCTION

Miss Ferial Forbus, director of the Department of Speech and Drama at Blue Mountain College, has announced that the spring production will be Stephen Vincent Benet's "JOHN BROWN'S BODY," which will be presented on two evenings, Friday, May 5, at 8:00 p. m., and Saturday, May 6, at 7:00 p. m. Each performance will be given in Garrett Auditorium. The Saturday evening's presentation is especially for May Day visitors.

Admission fee for adults will be \$1.00; Children, fifty cents; faculty and students, seventy-five cents.

"JOHN BROWN'S BODY" is not a play in the conventional sense, but an epic poem which reveals the vast tragic vision Stephen Vincent Benet had of our country at the most agonizing moment in its history, the time of the Civil War.

The three roles of the production will be played by the following: Miss Ferial Forbus, Actor A; Miss Johnnie Armstrong, Director of Physical Education, Actor B; Kathie Wessels, Memphis, a sophomore, Actress C.

The Speaking Chorus is as follows:

Sharon Ream, Sedalia, Mo.; Ann Gilley, Memphis; Blenda Pigue, Memphis; Pam Duke, Miami, Fla.; Linda Bishop, Baldwin; Kathy Smallwood, Ocala, Fla.; Marilyn Shankles, Ripley.

The Singing Chorus is as follows:

Gloria Glover, Memphis; Gay Hope Allen, Beaumont, Tex.; Anita Howard, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Lynette Keeling, DuQuoin, Ill.; Connie Russell, Horn Lake; Mary Clay, Marion, Ark.; Viki Atherton, Baton Rouge, La.

Soloists for the production are Suzi Dobbs, a junior, Mobile, Ala., Soprano, and the Rev. Bill Peacock, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Tenor.

Carolyn McDowell, Tampa, Florida is assistant director of the production, and Suzi Dobbs is musical director.



Rev. David Poe

CAMP GROUND CALLS PASTOR

Rev. David Poe of Myrtle, has accepted a call to the Camp Ground Church in Water Valley. Mr. Poe will begin his ministry there the 13th of May.

He is now pastor of the Temple church and Old Oak Grove Church of the Myrtle community. He has been there for the past two and one-half years.

Poe is married to the former Billie Taylor of Pontotoc. The Poes have two daughters: Sandy 3, and Patricia 6 months.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Poe are part-time students at Blue Mountain College.

Itta Bena WMU Honors Toomey

The ladies of the First Baptist Church, Itta Bena, Mississippi entertained with a reception on Sunday afternoon, April 2, honoring their new pastor, Rev. Donald R. Toomey and his family. Rev. Toomey recently moved on the church field from Greenwood.

try is in church buildings and the church today is not for bad people but for good people.

"I am spending my life separated from the people Jesus spent his life surrounded by—those who are outside the pale of human respectability," he said. "God does accept the sinner, and as long as we Christians do not, the world will know we're faking."

REVIVAL DATES

First Church, Stonewall: April 24 to 30; Dr. Byram Glaze of Calvary Church, Columbus, Ga., evangelist; Roland Boyd, Calvary Church, revival song leader; morning services at 10; evening services at 7:30. Rev. John L. Merck, pastor.

Briarwood Drive, Jackson: April 23-28; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, secretary, Department of Evangelism, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor, Southside, Jackson, song leader; Tom Nettles, music and youth director at Briarwood, in charge of special music; services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; coffee and doughnuts to be served each morning before the service.

West Heights Church, Pontotoc: April 23-30; Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, evangelist; I. A. Worsham, Minister of Music, Parkway Church, Natchez, singer; services at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.; Rev. Gerald Buckley, pastor.

Friendship (Jones): April 26-30; youth revival; Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of Pecan Grove Church, Jones County, evangelist; Douglas Lawson, music director at Friendship, song leader; Mrs. Douglas Lawson, pianist; Rev. W. N. Johnson, pastor; services nightly at 7; Sunday night, April 30, there will be a special song service followed with fellowship hour and refreshments.

County Line (Greene): April 21-23; Rev. David Perry, pastor of Leaf and Unity Churches, evangelist; Craig Smith, song leader; Rev. Harlin G. Martin, pastor.

Reynolds to Direct Music For Berne Youth Conference

WASHINGTON (BP)—William J. Reynolds of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville has been named director of music for the seventh Baptist Youth World Conference when it meets in Berne, Switzerland, July 22-28, 1968, the Baptist World Alliance announced here.

Canton: April 23-28; Rev. Edward R. Bryon, (pictured) evangelist Gary Anglin, Minister of Music and Youth, Center Terrace Church, singer; Douglas Raspberry, organist; Mrs. Bob Durham, pianist; services at 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Jack Farmer, pastor.

Beacon Street, Philadelphia: April 28 - 30; youth revival; Rev. William Hillman Tucker, associate pastor and director of youth education at Beacon Street, evangelist; Wayne Durham, youth pastor, speaker on Wednesday evening, April 26, at prayer service and at Sunday school assembly; Rev. H. S. Rogers, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m. weekdays and 11 and 7:30 on Sunday. (Fellowship programs after each evening service; a fireside service Sunday night at 8:30 after the regular hour; young people to take trip to lakeside on Saturday for picnic.)

Churches that will take part are Colonial Hills, Rev. Jack Nazary, pastor; First Horn Lake, Rev. R. C. Cannon, pastor; Southaven, Rev. B. F. Mellwain, pastor; Eudora, Rev. Curtis Ellis, pastor; Hernando, Rev. W. E. Corkern, pastor; Trinity, Rev. Joe Riggsby, pastor; Nesbit, Rev. E. D. Richardson, pastor; Fairhaven, Rev. Armond Taylor, pastor; Carriage, Rev. Lyn Claybrook, pastor; New Prospect, Rev. Leon Dodson, pastor; and Mineral Wells, Rev. Ned Davis, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Northside, New Albany: April 2-7; Rev. Joe Royalty, pastor, Clinton Blvd. Church, Jackson, evangelist; 38 decisions; 20 professions of faith, 18 rededications; Rev. Billy R. Mitchell, pastor, song leader.

Clarkson Church, Ma ben (Webster): April 2-7; three additions by letter; six on profession of faith; Rev. George Jones, pastor of Calvary Church, Forest, evangelist; Rev. W. K. (Bill) Richardson, pastor.

Petal-Harvey Church: April 2-9; Dr. John "Bud" Traylor, pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo, evangelist; Rev. O. J. Thompson, pastor; 19 professions of faith; many rededications; one surrendering to preach; four surrendering their lives for Christian service. (A chicken supper for the young people, prepared by the workers with Intermediates and Young People, preceded the closing service.)

DeSoto To Hold Lay-Led Revivals

Lay-Led Stewardship Week-end Revivals will be held in eleven churches of DeSoto County, April 21-23.

Laymen who will preach for the revivals include Newman Reese, Jackson; B. R. Holliday, Jackson; John Lee, Union; J. L. Nelson, Newton; M. B. Reagan, Carthage; James Thomas, Carthage; W. R. Prevost, McComb; Ed Fitzgerald, McComb; and Charles A. Pittman, Columbia.

The Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Elmer L. Howell, secretary, is sponsoring the lay-led revivals. Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions, DeSoto County, is directing the crusade.

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Off The Record

Pat and Mike were dining together. When the fish arrived, Pat took the larger piece.

"Fine manners, that," said Mike. "I'd have taken the smaller piece."

"What's ailin' ye?" Pat asked. "You've got it ain't ye?"

Too many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

Walking isn't really a lost art. How else can you get from the house to the garage?

The pro was showing Flannagan around. It was Flannagan's first game of golf. It was three hundred yards to the first hole.

"Now, Mr. Flannagan, hit the ball as hard as you can in that direction," the pro urged, pointing to the distant green.

The novice gave it a terrific sock. When they reached the green, the pro discovered Flannagan's ball one inch from the hole.

"Marvelous," he yelled. "The idea of golf is to get the ball in the cup."

Flannagan snorted. "A fine time to tell me."



A. BAUNGAARD THOMSEN of Copenhagen, chairman of the European Baptist Evangelism Conference, explains to European Baptist national union leaders the latest developments in Baptist witnessing on the continent. Seated left is C. Ronald Gouding of London, secretary of the European Baptist Federation. On the other side of Thomsen is Ernest A. Payne of London, British Baptist leader, while at far right is J. D. Hughey, area secretary for Europe for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention (USA). Leaders of 17 national unions in Europe attended the special conference for officials of Baptist Unions, and the evangelism conference, which met simultaneously in Rushlikon, Switzerland. (European Baptist Press Service Photo)